

## Senate Resolution 1215

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Moody of the 56th, Thomas of the 54th, Stoner of the 6th, Adelman of the 42nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Tuesday, March 23, 2010, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day"; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cycling increases physical work capacity, significantly reduces harmful  
4 cholesterol levels, reduces obesity, and lessens the risk of heart disease and heart attacks; and

5 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association supports and encourages all metropolitan  
6 Atlanta cities to participate in the 2010 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" campaign, departing  
7 from the cities of Decatur and Roswell during the 2010 legislative session; and

8 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association passed a resolution supporting the  
9 continued development of regional bike and pedestrian trails and for the creation of new  
10 trails and connectivity to existing trails; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Bikes Alliance, GEORGIA BIKES, Southern Bicycle League,  
12 Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, and Bike Roswell are organizations cosponsoring the "Georgia  
13 Rides to the Capitol" event, working to improve bicycling conditions, promoting bicycling  
14 throughout the state, and striving toward giving children, the general public, law enforcement  
15 officials, and cyclists more knowledge about bicycle rights, responsibilities, and safety; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation supports cycling as a cost-efficient  
17 means of transportation for Georgia's residents, also serving as a means of traffic congestion  
18 mitigation and environmentally friendly mobility; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation promotes working with local  
20 jurisdictions to improve cycling conditions by building or upgrading roads and facilities and  
21 encourages economic development opportunities that enhance bicycle and pedestrian  
22 mobility; and

23 WHEREAS, access to facilities promoting bicycle and pedestrian mobility enhances the  
24 quality of life in all Georgia communities.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 declare Tuesday, March 23, 2010, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day" and commend the  
27 efforts of local and state officials to improve cycling trails and promote cycling as a viable  
28 alternative mode of transportation.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association  
31 and the organizers of the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" event.